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Agriculture, Mining, Forestry, and Fisheries

NEW BOOKS

- BROWNE, E. A. *Tea. Peeps at industries.* Second edition. (London: A. & C. Black. 1917. Pp. 88.)
- CENCELLI, A. *La proprietà collettiva in Italia. Le origini, gli avanzi, la ricostruzione. I demani collettivi per i contadini.* Second edition, enlarged. (Milano: Hoepli. Pp. viii, 216. 7.50 l.)
- CONACHER, H. M. and SCOTT, W. R. *Report of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland on agricultural credit and organization in France, with suggestions for a Scottish scheme of agricultural credit.* (Edinburgh: Scottish Board Agri. 1920. Pp. 69.)
- COOPER, M. R., and WASHBURN, R. S. *Cost of producing wheat on 481 farms in the states of North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri, for the crop year 1919.* Bull. no. 943. (Washington: U. S. Dept. Agri. 1921. Pp. 59.)
- CUNNINGHAM, J. C. *Products of the Empire.* (New York: Oxford Univ. Press. 1921. Pp. 299.)
- FOLGER, J. C. and THOMSON, S. M. *The commercial apple industry of North America.* (New York: Macmillan. 1921. Pp. xxii, 466.)
- GREEN, F. E. *A new agricultural policy.* (London: Leonard Parsons. 1921. 4s. 6d.)
- HOWE, F. C. *Denmark, a coöperative commonwealth.* (New York: Harcourt, Brace & Co. Pp. ix, 203.)

Here is a very readable and so far as it applies to Denmark a very instructive book dealing chiefly with agriculture and coöperation by a man who apparently is a student of neither. Of the books on Denmark and Danish coöperation there are many. Mr. Howe has used them very freely. In fact, except for an introductory hint there is nothing to indicate that the material of the book was gathered by personal observation. It contains nothing new about Denmark but it does present very forcibly the fundamental reasons for the high degree of intelligence, democracy, social progress and economic prosperity for which the Danes are conspicuous.

The Danish farm population represents only one third of the total, but the farmers rule. The chief industry, as in most countries, is agriculture. The local coöperative society and the excellent system of rural and agricultural education for adults as well as children are the chief factors in Danish rural progress. The people's high schools are known the world over but it is astonishing to read that more than a hundred people's high schools and agricultural colleges are maintained in a population of three million people—one third agricultural—in a territory twice the size of Massachusetts.

Moreover the Danes have taken an advanced stand on matters of social legislation and taxation. There is food for thought in the fact that a naturally poor agricultural country thrives on free trade and business efficiency, that only one fourth of the national budget is expended for military purposes, 20 per cent for administration and 40 per cent for

social betterment and direct support of trade and industry, whereas in the United States 92 per cent of the present national budget is for military purposes, 8 per cent for administration, education, aids to commerce and all other purposes.

The book is not statistically exact nor scientifically accurate in statement. Moreover, those portions which deal with conditions of American agriculture and the application of Danish methods of agricultural policies in the United States are very superficial. Nevertheless, the material on Denmark is very well compiled and presented and merits wide popular reading.

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JILLSON, W. R. *The oil and gas resources of Kentucky*. Second edition. (Frankfort, Ky.: Ky. Geological Survey. 1921. Pp. xvi, 630. 25c.)

KAHN, A. R. *Sugar; a popular treatise*. (Los Angeles, Cal.: Sugar Pub. Co. 1921. Pp. 78. \$2.)

MARTIN, G. C. *Preliminary report on petroleum in Alaska*. Geol. Survey bull. 719. (Washington: Supt. Docs. 1921. 50c.)

THOMPSON, J. W. *Pennsylvania mining statutes annotated*. Bull. 185. (Washington: Dept. of the Interior. 1920. Pp. xlvii, 1221.)

Manufacturing Industry

NEW BOOKS

BROWNE, E. A. *Tea*. (London: A. & C. Blake. 1917. Pp. viii, 88.)

One of a "Peeps at Industries" series this book, first published in 1912, claims to be the "result of experience, observation, information and pictures harvested 'on the spot.'" Its style is popular and it quotes "only such figures . . . as make for broad, general ideas" although "great care has been taken to get accurate figures." The book will hardly "bring the reader into a complete understanding" of the tea industry, as promised in the prefatory note, but it will be helpful toward that end.

W. M. DUFFUS.

CARTER, H. R. *Jute and its manufacture*. (New York: Macmillan. 1921. Pp. vi, 192. \$2.)

Facts and figures of the automobile industry. 1921. (New York: National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, 366 Madison Ave. Pp. 96.)

Wool and cotton in all forms from yarn to fabric. (Boston: William Whitman Co. 1921. Pp. 177.)

Transportation and Communication

NEW BOOKS

ATTERBURY, W. W. *Where our railroads stand today; is their credit basis yet sufficient? how can pre-war personal efficiency be restored?* (Harrisburg, Pa.: Chamber of Commerce. 1920. Pp. 19.)

COLIN, E. *Les grands ports français*. Vol. XIII. *Le port de Paris*. Vol.